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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, SEDU, BC, US

SUBJECT: US CONTRIBUTION TO UNHCR FOR REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA

REF: (A) STATE 11808 (NOTAL); (B) GENEVA 407 (NOTAL); (C)

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GABERONE 212 (NOTAL); (D) GABERONE 225 (NOTAL); (E)

GABERONE 207 (NOTAL); (F) GENEVA 475 (NOTAL)

1. PROGRAM OUTLINED BY UNHCR IN REF. B APPEARS APPROPRIATE
AS A GENERAL PLAN FOR UTILIZATION OF FUNDS. MISSION SHOULD
NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT USG BELIEVES THAT UNHCR SHOULD MAKE PRO-
VISION FOR ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA AND THAT ASSIS-

TANCE TO CABINDAN REFUGEES SHOULD MAKE PROVISIONAL ALLOWANCE FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE MAY PROVE TO BE SUBSTANTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE IN TSHELA REGION OF ZAIRE.

2. THE CONTRIBUTION OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO THE APPEALS FROM UNHCR IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR POLICY OF PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL PROJECTS AND INTERNATIONALIZING REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WHEREVER POSSIBLE THROUGH THE UNHCR OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWING

NEED FOR ASSISTANCE OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEES CITED IN THE UNHCR APPEALS. ALTHOUGH WE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT UNHCR BE RESPONSIVE TO THE GROWING NEEDS OF AFRICAN REFUGEES AND HAVE ENOUGH RESOURCES TO MEET THESE NEEDS, WE DO NOT WISH TO REDUCE UNHCR FLEXIBILITY BY EARMARKING ALL OF THE US CONTRIBUTION TO THIS PROGRAM; ESPECIALLY SINCE THE MAGNITUDE AND TIMING OF THESE VARIOUS NEEDS STILL FAR FROM CLEAR.

3. WE DO WISH TO EARMARK 36,000 DOLS FOR ZIMBABWEANS IN BOTSWANA; EMBASSY GABORONE ESTIMATE OF SIX MONTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBSISTANCE FOR ZIMBABWEANS IN FRANCISTOWN. WE PRESUME UNHCR WILL HAVE NO LEGAL PROBLEM IN MEETING THIS REQUIREMENT FROM SPECIAL FUNDS PROVIDED BY USG. THIS ITEM IS EARMARKED TO ASSURE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO THE PROBLEM AND WE WOULD EXPECT UNHCR TO INCLUDE AMPLE PROVISION FOR THE PROBLEM ON A CONTINUING BASIS. OTHERWISE, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE REGARD THE PROGRAM IN REF B TO BE EXPRESSION OF GENERAL INTENT AND SATISFACTORY PROVIDED ATTENTION IS PAID TO OUR CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN THE PARAGRAPH ABOVE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, US MISSION SHOULD PREPARE AN APPROPRIATE PLEDGE LETTER, PROVIDING COPIES TO DEPARTMENT, AND FORWARD CHECK TO UNHCR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT UNHCR 1977 AFRICAN PROGRAM PROJECTIONS PROVIDED IN A/AC3.96/526 OF AUGUST 16, 1976 NO LONGER REFLECT CURRENT REQUIREMENTS. HAS UNHCR REVISED THESE PROGRAM ESTIMATES? WITH THE NUMBER OF REFUGEE PROBLEMS STEADILY INCREASING AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM, IT BECOMES ALL THE MORE URGENT THAT WE RECEIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNHCR'S REVISED ESTIMATES OF CURRENT REQUIREMENTS.

6. HAVE MORE PLEDGES FOR THIS PROGRAM SINCE THOSE OF NORWAY, UNITED KINGDOM, DENMARK, AND THE E.C. TOTALLING 1,169,700 DOLS BEEN RECEIVED?

7. FOR GABORONE: DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S EXTENSIVE REPORTING ON REFUGEE SITUATION AND ON TYPES OF ASSISTANCE REQUIRED. SOME OF REQUIREMENTS WILL NOW BE COVERED BY US CONTRIBUTION TO UNHCR. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHERS ALSO AVAILABLE TO AUGMENT PORTION FINANCED BY US CONTRIBUTION WHICH IS ONLY PART OF OVERALL UNHCR PROGRAM FOR WHICH UNHCR APPEAL SEEKS 3.25 MILLION DOLS. AS OVERALL REFUGEE PROBLEM IN AFRICA BECOMES CLEARER, WE WILL HAVE A BETTER APPRECIATION OF AVAILABILITY UNHCR FUNDS FOR LONGER TERM REFUGEE PROJECTS IN BOTSWANA. IF SUPPORT UNAVAILABLE FROM CURRENT UNHCR FUNDS, CONSIDERATION CAN BE GIVEN TO POSSIBLE FURTHER DRAWDOWN ON REFUGEE EMERGENCY FUNDS,

KEEPING IN MIND THESE ARE ALSO LIMITED. SINCE US FUNDS ARE TO BE FUNNELED THROUGH UNHCR IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR ANY EXPERT ON REFUGEE ASSISTANCE TO BE SELECTED
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FROM THE STAFF OF THAT ORGANIZATION.

8. REQUEST POSTS CONTINUE TO INFORM DEPARTMENT DEVELOPMENTS IN REFUGEE MATTER INCLUDING ADEQUACY OF UNHCR RESPONSES, WITH INFO COPIES TO US MISSION GENEVA.
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